THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The only hotel of the Hotel Corporation of India which is under construction is the Centaur Hotel at Juhu Beach Bombay. This hotel which has partially commissioned will eventually have 397-rooms, a 24 hour coffee shop, four speciality restaurants, banquet cum conference facilities, a health club, shopping arcade beauty parlour etc.

(c) and (d) The Hotel Corporation of India have entered into a collaboration with M/s. Hokke Club of Japan for construction of hotels in places of interest to Buddhist tourists. As 26-room hotel at Rajgir was commissioned with effect from 25th November, 1984.

Since the financial performance of this unit has not been satisfactory, the Hotel Corporation of India/Indo Hokke Hotels Ltd. have deferred the construction of a similar hotel at Kushinagar.

Linking of Cities in Bihar with Railways

601. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the main cities in Bihar which are not linked so far with railways; and

(b) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The main cities in Bihar are already linked with rail lines.

Circle-wise Account Offices in P&T Department

602. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a long standing demand for Circle-wise-Accounts Offices in the P & T Department;

(b) whether a decision has been taken to start separate Accounts Offices at Gauhati, Ahmedabad and Srinagar for Assam, Gujarat and Jammu and Kashmir Postal Circles; and

(c) If so, by when these offices are likely to start functioning and what is the proposal for the man power employment in these offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The scheme of departmentalisation of Postal Accounts, which came into effect with effect from 1-4-1976, envisaged setting up of separate Postal Accounts Office for each Postal Circle. There is also a demand for setting up of separate Accounts Offices for Circles which do not at present have a Postal Accounts Office.

(b) and (c) The matter is under examination and a decision is likely to be taken shortly.

Pin Code for Sikkim

603. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State of Sikkim has not been included in the National Pin Code Directory;

(b) when was the latest edition of All India Directory of Postal Index Numbers published by the Department;

(c) what is the reason for not including Sikkim in the Pin Code

system and whether there is a proposal to include the State in it;

(d) what is the present system of postal distribution in various parts of Sikkim; and

(e) whether there is any other system being contemplated for Sikkim and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The 1985 edition corrected upto 1-4-1985.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to (a). Pin Code of POs in Sikkim have been shown under West Bengal Circle, in as much as Sikkim is part of West Bengal Postal Circle.

(d) Mails posted in the POs in Sikkim State are dealt within Gangtok Sorting Office. Inward Mail for Sikkim State are sorted in Gangtok Sorting and Siliguri RMS, which is the air Sorting Office. Mails for and from Gangtok are conveyed by the Mail Motor Service to various POs in the State and to Siliguri.

(e) No, Sir.

Rail Traffic between Ahmedabad and Vadodara

604. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether instructions have been issued by the Railway Board to udertake a fresh survey of traffic congestion between Ahmedabad and Vadodara;

(b) whether Raiways propose to introduce Electrical Multiple Unit or local trains hauled by electric locomotive to ease the traffic of daily commuters on this section;

(c) whether more inter-city trains are likely to be introduced between Ahmedabad-Vadodara-Surat to give relief to the passengers travelling on long distance trains; and

(d) whether the Department has any other plan to ease the traffic bottle-neck in this section of Vadodara Division and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No fresh survey has been ordered.

(b) There is no proposal to introduce EMU trains on the section at present. However, commuter trains hauled by Eelectric locomotives are already running between Ahmedabad and Vadodara.

(c) and (d) There is at present, no proposal to introduce any new train on the section due to line capacity constraints. Adequate bus services are also available between these two cities.

Compensation to vicitims of Pan Am Aircraft Hijacked in Karachi

605. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names and addresses of Indians travelling by Pan Am which was hijacked in Karachi on 5th September, 1986, who were killed and whose next of the kin have not so far been given compensation;

(b) what are the names and addresses of Indians travelling by the flight mentioned above who were in-